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Opening Remarks

Birthday Wishes, My SNL Year and More

Paula, my longtime steady (10 years, a record for both of us), is celebrating her birthday this weekend. It's Saturday, Oct. 6, so go ahead and clog up her Facebook wall with well wishes and links to crypto currency transfer info.

We plan to attend the Bloody Mary Festival at The Market Shops in Sandestin that day, because who doesn't love a cocktail at 11 AM? Also, *Beachcomber* is one of the event sponsors, along with about 800 other businesses. Hopefully, there will be food and couches there, too.

Later, after what I predict will be longish naps, the two of us will be at the Destin Seafood Festival. Unless someone feels a raindrop or two coming down and decides to cancel it again.

Just kidding. This is always a great event. I am a little disappointed that my VIP passes got lost in the mail this year, but I'm looking forward to all the music (the most current lineup we could find is in this issue's Live Music section), food, vendors, fellowship, and people griping about having to pay to park.

Prior to its relocation to the Destin Harbor, the festival had a colorful history. One year, it was held in the K-Mart parking lot (now Old Time Pottery). After that, they did it at the Morgan Sports Complex. Parking was a nightmare, but at least it was free.

And I did get to see Eddie Money, a nice fellow who spent an unusual amount of time talking about hanging out with John Belushi when he was the musical guest on *Saturday Night Live*. It was the 1978 episode hosted by the great Jill Clayburgh. Mr. Money referred to her, hilariously, as "Liz Claiborne."

This, of course, brought back fuzzy memories of my own year on *Saturday Night Live*. You may not remember, but I was in the cast with Mr. Belushi,



Editor Manson and Act4Mystery founder Paula Hilton at HarborFest in HarborWalk Village, Destin. We hear there's some other big to-do happening down there the weekend of Oct. 5-7. Might wanna check that out.

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Joe Fuller ("Why I Didn't Comment on My Friend's Facebook Post") moved from California to Northwest Florida in 1977. For 27 years, he worked as a mental health care provider, substance abuse counselor, and prevention specialist for safe and drug free school programs.

He is a published poet and—since the age of nine—a singer, songwriter and musician. He resigned his day job in 2005 to pursue music and writing full time.

Gwen D'Vyne Lanier ("The Living Legacy of the Beal Street Bottle Club, Part 2") is the lead vocalist of Simply D'Vyne. In addition to working on Simply D'Vyne's debut CD, Gwen and husband EdMo started the Emerald Coast Blues Society (ECBS) in 2018. "The goal of the ECBS is to create a place for musicians and music lovers to connect and collaborate, and support members of the music community," she says. Gwen co-hosts the Monday Night Blues Jam at Destin's Funky Blues Shack weekly as a function of the ECBS.

She has been a resident of the Emerald Coast for over 30 years.

Nikki Hedrick (The Pauseandplay.com Record Roundup) is a resident of Seagrove Beach. She is a photographer, co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, co-founder of the Kite Film Fest, and a longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. Nikki is currently freshening up her Time Warp dance moves and wonders if 33 is too old to obsessively watch *Bob's Burgers*.

Samantha Lambert (Beyond Beachcomberland) loves being back in Florida after 35 years away. She enjoys writing for *Beachcomber* and, as a former teacher, is using her skills to tutor local students.

Evangeline Murphy (Movies + TV), an avid reader and writer, recently graduated from the University of West Florida with a BA in English and Creative Writing. She hopes to use these skills to be an editor, and eventually a novelist. She was born and raised in Fort Walton Beach and spends her days fending off mosquitoes and escaping into the world of cinema.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Eddie Murphy, Buddy Ebsen, Will Ferrell and many others. I think the Not Ready for Prime Time Players had about 40 cast members that year. I didn't get much airtime, but I always kept Lorne Michaels' popcorn bowl full.

Anyway, we've got a great issue for you! Charles Morgan is here! Carl Hiaasen! And Kanye Freakin' West in his silly red hat! We'll be right back...

(FORCED APPLAUSE)

- Editor Manson

LOOK WHO GOT A FACELIFT

Our longtime design guru **Tosha Manke** got her hands on our website, **BeachcomberDestin.com** and has given it a considerable overhaul. It's beautiful, and now you can pull it up on your phone and other mobile

devices without straining your eyes too much. Plus all of the content is certified Gulf to Table.

Ms. Manke informs us the new and improved Beachcomber site will run faster on mobile devices, as well as computers. The Current Issue sidebar features a list of all articles in the current issue at a glance. All of the *Beachcomber* guides and events listings are now included.

And if you're looking for something to do (and who isn't?), check out the Things To Do sidebar on the homepage. Many more exciting things are planned for the site—we'll keep you posted (pun intended).

Take a look and leave us your feedback at **beachcomberdestin.com/website-feedback**.

30A Restaurateurs Raise Funds for ECCAC with Stuffed Dogs

723 Whiskey Bravo owners **Skip and Victoria Moore**, along with their staff, announced that they have raised \$44,869 in the past three years to benefit the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center's (ECCAC) Pierce Family Children's Center in DeFuniak Springs.

They achieved this by collecting guest donations of \$20 or more for the stuffed animal Riley therapy dogs. The Moores also sponsored a room at the DeFuniak Springs center. The Riley stuffed animal dog donations will continue at 723 Whiskey Bravo, located on Scenic Highway 30A in Seagrove Beach.

The real Riley, a 12-year old Maltese dog, is a registered AKC Therapy Dog who is on the "staff" of ECCAC and about to retire from active service. He earned his American Kennel Club credentials by completing over 400 therapy visits with the kids at the center dealing with abusive situations. ECCAC has eight other therapy dogs at their center with an avid kids' following.

"It has been our pleasure to help ECCAC and to have the endearing lookalike Riley stuffed animals on our tables at the restaurant," the Moores said. "Our customers are engaged and have generously supported this concept. And, most importantly, this ongoing campaign helps the kids."

ECCAC's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, protect children in Okaloosa and Walton counties, and restore the lives and futures of these impacted children. Their child-friendly centers house a multidisciplinary team of child protection personnel, prosecutors, law enforcement, DCF, therapists, ECCAC staff and volunteers. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has provided services at no cost to over 12,000 children in the past 18 years.

For further information, visit **ECCAC.org**. If abuse is suspected, call the anonymous Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE.

- Kay Phelan



Impact 100 NWF Announces 2018 Grant Finalists

IMPACT 100 of Northwest Florida announces its annual grant funding finalists will be revealed Thursday, **Oct. 4**. The event will be held at Cantina Laredo, in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin starting at 5:30 PM.

After reviewing numerous submitted funding requests from nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in Okaloosa and Walton counties, IMPACT 100 is happy to announce nine grant finalists for 2018. At the organization's November annual meeting, members will select five nonprofits from the finalists. Each will receive a \$102,800 grant award.

Representatives of each organization named as a finalist will be on hand as well as IMPACT 100 officers and members.

Since the creation of IMPACT 100 NWF in 2012, \$2.2 million has been donated back into Okaloosa and Walton counties. This year, IMPACT 100 is 514 members strong and will donate \$514,000 to local nonprofits in Okaloosa and Walton counties at the annual meeting.

For additional information about IMPACT 100 NWF, call 850-582-7939

- Susan Page

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Rick Scott Doesn't Want His Senate Campaign Swept Away by the (Red) Tide

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

In politics, they call it bad optics.

Imagine you're Florida's Gov. Rick Scott, for example, locked in a tight race to unseat Bill Nelson from the U.S. Senate.

Your campaign needs you out there, visible and upbeat, for photo ops and commercials extolling your leadership qualities. But where can you go?

A pernicious red tide has affected 135 miles of prime coastline on the Gulf side of the state, while slimy blue-green algae fueled by discharges from Lake Okeechobee is sliming estuaries and waterways on the other side.

Your campaign advisers have warned that you cannot, under any circumstances, be seen or photographed anywhere near this double-whammy of ecological disasters, especially the red tide.

Piles of rotting fish on the shore? Bad optics, Rick.

Ditto for dead manatees and sea turtles.

Swollen corpses of bottle-nosed dolphins? Hideous optics. Truly awful—even worse than scenes of puffy-eyed tourists, wheezing and hacking as they retreat toward half-empty motels.

So, what do you do if you're a polluter-friendly candidate who's been arduously trying to reinvent yourself as an impassioned environmentalist?

Stay far away from the water, Florida's trademark attraction. Stage your events and TV ads elsewhere—warehouses, factories, Wawa stores, whatever. Declare emergencies in the suffering counties, and send some money for research and tourism recovery.

Emphasize in press releases that you, Rick Scott, aren't personally responsible for the red tide. It's an itty-bitty organism called *Karenia brevis*, and it's a naturally occurring phenomenon. We're just having a really vile, stinky year.

The red tide has been blooming almost 11 months, and nobody knows how many tourists have been scared away, or how many millions of dollars the economy has lost.

In Manatee County alone, work crews have removed 289 tons of dead fish since early August. Honestly, even one ton of putrid fish isn't great for business.

"Let's get to work!" you chirp in your political ads.

But that's a steep challenge for a beachfront restaurant owner beset with the reek of decomposing mullet and turtles. So maybe he serves three limes with every Corona—one for the beer, and two for plugging each customer's nostrils.

Scientists don't all agree on the combination of triggers for red tide, but this season's version is believed to have been made worse by massive plumes of effluent from the Mississippi River, fertilizer nutrients flushed from Florida coastal developments and hotter temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico.

If you're candidate Scott, the warm water issue is problematic because you've been openly skeptical about climate change. The use of the term was even banned from environmental agency correspondence, emails and reports early in your administration.

Worse, you've got a pathetic record when it comes to protecting Florida waters—\$700 million slashed from oversight programs in your first term. You also repealed a law requiring regular inspections of septic tanks, indisputably one of the worst causes of near-shore pollution throughout the state.

And many voters might remember how you and the Republican Legislature shrunk the Department of Environmental Regulation, pauperized and politicized the water management districts, fired expert scientists and rewrote regulations to allow Big Sugar and other corporate interests to police their own polluting practices.

Billions of gallons of fertilizer-laced water continues to pour from Lake Okeechobee toward the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, fueling the notorious "toxic blue-green algae" that visually has become the national postcard for your administration.

If you're Rick Scott, one strategy is to blame the federal government and Nelson in particular for not doing enough to fortify the dike around Lake O. Upgrading a toilet bowl is easier than cleaning the water that flows in and out of it, which would require the state to enforce a few pollution laws.

In August, candidate Scott made a rare, ghost-like appearance on Martin County's algae-plagued St. Lucie River. It was a short boat ride, and the governor successfully avoided interacting with residents or journalists.

Even from a distance, the optics were bad.

More recently, Scott had to flee a couple of campaign events because protesters were showing up, mocking him as "Red-Tide Rick." Another optic setback.

Soon afterward, he announced that he wants the state to create a "Center for Red Tide Research" and also revive the disbanded "Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force."

Bold, timely action! OK, well, not really.

But, if you're candidate Scott, it's important to look like you're doing something.

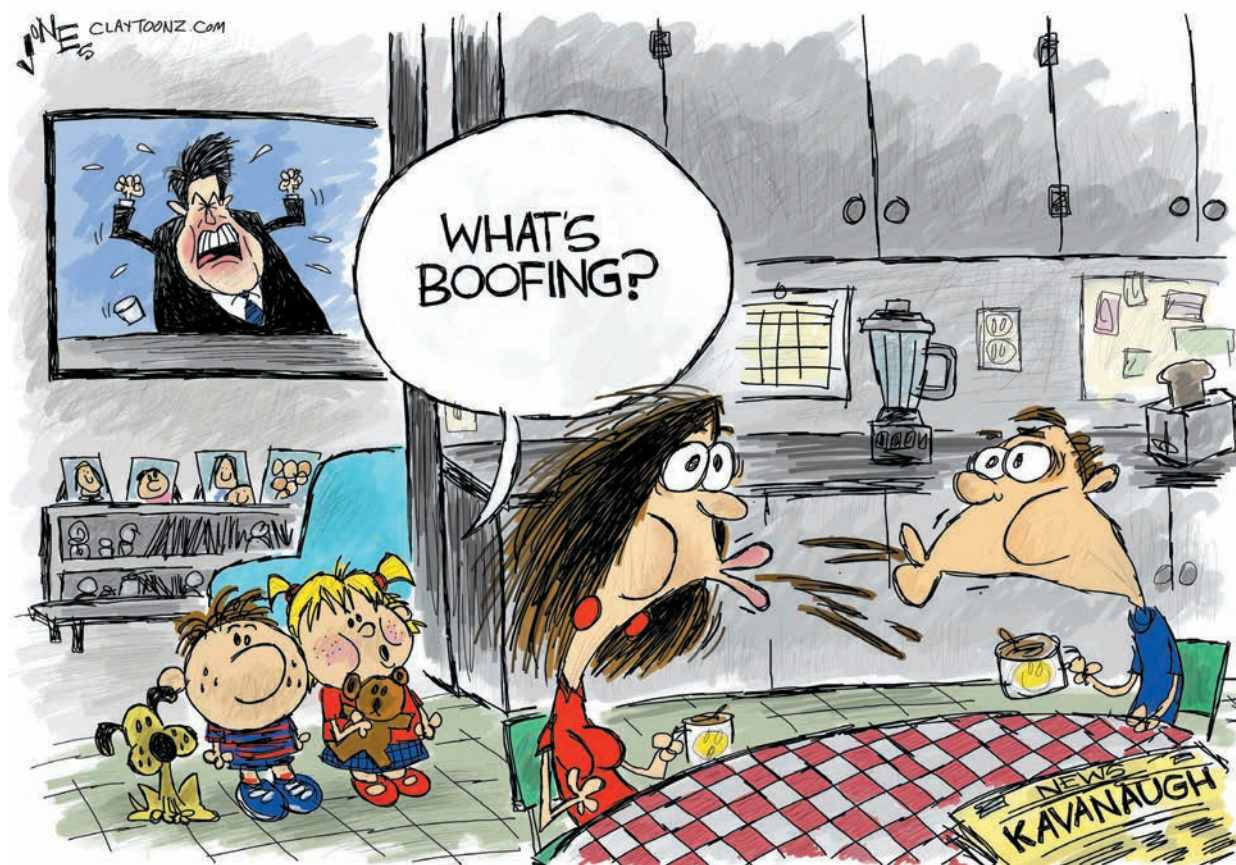
Meanwhile, don't get photographed near a red-tide beach or algae-tinted river. And don't veer off-message—you're a job creator, remember?

Let's get to work, people! Shovel up those dead fish.

Faster, please.

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Why I Didn't Comment on My Friend's Facebook Post

By Joe Fuller

It took me a long time to realize America hates the underdog, berates anyone attempting to improve their lot, and worships entitled billionaire bullies.

This morning, a friend posted a story about an adult (gentlemen's) club, somewhere in Ohio, getting busted by federal agents because the establishment accepted food stamps as payment for lap dances and drugs.

I've got nothing against the bust. Based on the report, tens of thousands of dollars were made via the illegal use of these benefits. I believe all parties involved should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

But my friend, the guy who posted the article, added this headline: "Feds discriminate against poor people having fun."

I usually enjoy this guy's blunt, direct manner. In fact, whether or not I agree with the content, I tend to click "like" on his posts. But this time I couldn't bring myself to choose an emoji or comment. I read the article and then scrolled the screen for other FB news.

I didn't acknowledge his post because his comment was one-sided. Were the poor people the only folks having fun? Why didn't my friend also say, "Feds discriminate against businesses making money off of poor people and the government."

Why didn't he ask, "Who made more money out of this illegal venture—the criminal, sex-crazed, drug-addicted poor or the business accepting food stamps from petty thieves?"

He didn't ask because his ire was not focused on the business. His ire was focused on the people illegally paying for their entertainment. People he assumed were either poor or successful in convincing an imperfect governmental agency they needed food for their lap dance family. He didn't ask because maybe he doesn't like individual scam artists more than he disapproves of unethical, illegal and illicit business practices.

Maybe he didn't ask because he doesn't like poor people.

Who knows? I don't.

One time, when I was focusing my ire on Big Pharma for making too much money and not doing enough to help poor people, he said, "Are you against companies making a profit?"

And I said, "No, I'm all for corporate moneymaking. What I'm against is people dying because they can't afford the best medication and most effective treatment."

I'm tired of money being the bottom line for who lives and who dies. For who is good and who is bad.

In 2008, when the economy tanked, radio, television, Internet and newspapers were filled with stories about "a few bad apples" bringing down established financial institutions. These reporters maintained, "Most CEOs and administrators are decent people filled with remorse for what has happened."

On the other hand, the coverage of individuals losing their homes because they could no longer afford their subprime mortgage payments was different. Poor folk were painted as dumbass deadbeat losers who thought they could bullshit their way into an overvalued house—a house they supposedly "knew" they could not afford.

Many reporters, private sector and government people said, "This recession was caused by poor people trying to better their lives. It's their fault, and not one of them is sorry."

I'm sorry. I'm sorry I tried to buy my parents' house. I'm sorry I believed the financial agent who said, after I told him my credit was very bad, "Don't worry. I think I have found a way to work around your credit. I'm gonna get you that house."

And he did.

And for over 14 years, with one or two refinances of my loan, I managed to barely hold on to the house. I had nothing paid on the premium, and I spent more each month on penalties than I did on interest/escrow.

One winter, I stopped paying the mortgage company because I had no money. I was the only one in the house at the time, so I gave up trying to be a responsible person.

It took over two years of me not paying before the house went into foreclosure and was sold back to the mortgage company. Over two years before I was evicted.

I won't go into all the crap that went down during those two years, but I will say—and the record will show—I was upfront with my reasons for not paying, and I demonstrated much willingness to cooperate and work with the mortgage company.

Unfortunately, I can't say the same for the corporation laying claim to the deed. They were underhanded, threatening, engaged in phone harassment, and, in one instance, broke the law (judge's words, not mine) to confuse and frustrate me.

I thought, for a minute, I was going to slay Goliath but, in the long run, the reality of the "justice system" prevailed when the court ruled in their favor and I had to leave.



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Friends with Differences

By Charles Morgan III

I have friends who have Labrador Retrievers. In some cases, they had them as children. They have them now. They're likely to have them in the future. Labs are their favorite dogs.

I like all kinds of dogs. I really like Australian Shepherds. But my favorite breed is the Golden Retriever.

I have friends who fish mostly for speckled trout and redfish. I know people who primarily fish offshore for billfish. Lots of people spend their time in the Gulf bottom fishing for red snapper and grouper.

I like cobia fishing.

I have friends who follow college football and could care less about any other sport. Some people are like that with basketball. I know people who like the Atlanta Braves, and even though they might have a hard time keeping up with the roster, it's the only sports team they follow.

I follow just about all major sports.

I have friends that play tennis and would never even consider playing a round of golf. I know golfers who wouldn't be caught dead in a tennis outfit. Some people run or ride bikes. Many people get their exercise at gyms or practice yoga or Pilates or whatever else is out there.

I'll try anything but mostly I like to swim.

I have friends, like Jimmy Patzig, who only drink beer. Many bar patrons prefer mixed drinks, some

fancier than others. There are wine aficionados that consider a meal incomplete without a well-paired bottle of cabernet.

I don't drink.

I have friends who watch television all day long and have never read a book. Some people stay glued to a laptop or an iPhone and are aware of every single "breaking news report." Many people have wrist-watches that constantly monitor their health, and earplugs that stream hip-hop music nonstop.

I'm a reader.

I have friends who are accomplished travelers. They think nothing of traipsing through several continents in a year. I also know people who go for years without crossing a county line. I tend to return to the same places year after year.

I'm not much of a traveler.

I have friends who drive SUVs. I know a few people who have sports cars. Most of the people I'm around drive pickup trucks. More and more people seem to drive big, fancy, foreign cars.

I'm a truck guy, and I like Fords.

I have friends from all walks of life. Some of them have advanced degrees from prestigious universities, and some of them didn't even come close to graduating from high school. I've got friends who are wealthy and are proud of it, and I've got friends who aren't wealthy and could care less.

Some of my friends have been regular members of the same church since they were christened, and some of my friends haven't seen the inside of a chapel in decades.

I think that the diversity in people's backgrounds and experiences and preferences might be what makes this beautiful world so interesting.

I have friends who are republicans. Most of my friends' parents were probably republicans, and their children will most likely follow in their footsteps. Where we live, just about everybody is a republican.

I was the kid whose father took him to vote for the first time at age six. When he pulled back the curtain to the voting booth it was dark and quiet.

"It is your right as an American to vote for whoever you want to and to do it in privacy. No one should know who you vote for, and when you pull that lever there is no one in this booth except you and God."

He looked down at me and whispered, "And God's a democrat."

So you can't blame me.

I like it when my republican friends tell me that they don't care about political parties and that they "just vote for the best candidate."

I smile at them. And wink. And whisper back to them, "Me too."

I'm a democrat.

Commentary CONTINUED...

I'm not sorry for all I did "wrong" to stay in that house, I plead guilty, but I am not ashamed.

I'd do it, and will do it, again. I'll do it again because, though my opinion is absolutely contrary to my friend's, it's just as strong and twice as caustic.

I'll try to sum it up into a couple of sentences. I've heard fancy words to describe the assholes in both big business and government.

Some folks think these entities are oppositional towards each other. In my opinion, they are not. I consider them to be the right and left hands of the same gigantic body determined to blame all of our problems on the poor, the feeble and the helpless.

And this so-called military-industrial-governmental conglomerate wants the rest of us to believe their empty promises, and engage (on their behalf) in brown shirt thuggery, stomping our jackboots all over downtrodden, genuine article, ain't-got-shit underdogs.

Screw them. Ain't gonna do it.

The weak, the poor and the powerless are not the problem.



Art

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

AMUSE ART STUDIO, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

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Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O’Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 PM. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell, 9:30 AM-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Oct. 6 and 7. Golden Acrylics Workshops with Kevin Tobin. The workshop covers surface techniques, image transfers and “bling,” and is suitable for all levels. FREE demo Saturday, 11 AM-12:30 PM. Class hours are Saturday, 1:15-5 PM, and Sunday, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM. Cost is \$140 (\$120 for ADSO members)—check



Bruno from Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar in Shalimar proudly displays his latest masterpiece. The next Painting & Wine event is set for Tuesday, Oct. 16. Call 850-651-5100 for more info.

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Oct. 11. Sip and Paint Class with Ruta Kanaporis, 6:30-8:30 PM. The theme is “Starry, Spooky Night.” Bring your beverage of choice to enjoy while learning to paint with acrylics. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included.



Oct. 13. Welcome to Watercolors! with Natalia Light, 10 AM-12:30 PM. For painters at all levels. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ADSO members). Supply list at the ADSO website or stop by the office.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit www.CHROMA30A.com for more info.

Oct. 11. “Yellowtail” at CREATE!, Niceville.

Oct. 18. “Groovy Grayton Cow” at CHROMA Studio.
Nov. 1 and 2. “More Florals!” Oil Painting Workshop at CHROMA Studio.

Nov. 13. “Red, White & Blue Roo” at CREATE!, Niceville.

Nov. 29. “Dune Poinsettia” at CHROMA Studio.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit fullcirclefwb.com for more info.

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HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

Oct. 18. Teddie’s Monthly Mobile Class, 10 AM-3 PM. Create your own mobile using driftwood, glass, shells and more. Cost is \$35, all supplies included. Call to reserve a spot or email teddiec@mac.com.

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WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2809.
Oct. 20. Digital Photography Course with Bonnie Tate-Woodby, 4:30-6 PM. Explore different types of cameras as well as the

fundamentals of photography and creative light, plus composition tips. Bring your camera or cell phone for some hands-on practice.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH OCT. 7. “FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS” POP-UP GALLERY AT EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY, 560 GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN, MIRAMAR BEACH

Lowkylzart presents the first pop-up gallery of ECTC’s sixth season, coinciding with the production of *The Spitfire Grill* and its protagonist’s attempts to follow her own dreams. More than 70 works from 19 award-winning and emerging artists will be available for purchase. Artists include **Shelley Blackmarr, Renee Broxson, Chuck Clisso, Kel Coleman, Carol Dickson, Lori Drew, Russell Ferris, Debra Finlayson, Cheryl Gray, Suzanne LeLoup-West, Helga Letourneau, Brady Mandigo, Theresia McInnis, Cindi Newhouse, Marian Pacsuta, Debi Perkins, Nanette Ream, Patti Scholterlein and Mara Viksnins.** Email lowkylzart@gmail.com for more info.

THROUGH OCT. 12. LIFE’S A BEACH SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Colorful paintings representing our beach environment, Reception Friday, **Oct. 12,** 6-8 PM.

THROUGH OCT. 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH



This month’s spotlight falls on the acrylic and watercolor art of **Carolyn Williams.**

THROUGH OCT. 31. MELISSA MERCER BROWN EXHIBIT AT COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Ms. Brown finds beautiful and abundant inspiration all around her. Her style of painting often uses layers of texture and translucent washes finished with high gloss acrylic mediums to achieve depth, interest and beauty.

She works out of her studio warehouse in Santa Rosa Beach, and her paintings can be seen at her studio and on permanent display at The Henderson Beach Resort in Destin.

“I love to see my paintings come alive with vibrancy, color and texture when I’m nearing my completion,” she says. “There is a tremendous

satisfaction when you have created something beautiful that you were really unsure about at the beginning.”

Melissa Mercer Brown has been a South Walton resident since 2010 after growing up in Alabama and living in Arizona and Georgia. Discover more at MelissaMercerBrown.com.

OCT. 13. MONTHLY ARTIST GALLERY DAY AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

From 10 AM to 3 PM, watch HH Arts artist demonstrations while you enjoy refreshments. The first visitor each hour will receive a piece of lovely art. Call 850-218-2155 for more info.

OPENS OCT. 16. ADSO’S “COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS” SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Through **Oct. 25,** have a gander at art inspired by Alexander Calder and created by two artists working together. Reception Friday, **Oct. 19,** 6-8 PM. Gallery hours are noon-4 PM Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 PM Saturdays. More at artsdesignsociety.org.

OCT. 16. PAINTING & WINE AT TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, SHALIMAR

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OCT. 24. ADSO MONTHLY LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

This month’s speaker is *Beachcomber* favorite **Lesha Maureen Porche,** who will discuss “Putting the World into Perspective: Art, Space and Line.” Cost is \$12 if you make your reservation by Monday, **Oct. 22**—after that, it’s \$15. Call 850-244-1271 or email adsorsvp@gmail.com.

OCT. 27. “NIGHTMARE ON FIRST STREET” HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

A scary evening of Halloween fundraising fun for ADSO, from 7 to 10 PM. Costume contest, dance contest, already-decorated pumpkin contest, Halloween food contest and more. Tickets are \$10 each, and may be purchased at the ADSO office. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

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The festival also features a Collaborative Art Exhibit, which showcases select artwork of more than 60 community adult and student artists.

A celebration of art, music, food and family fun, special features of the festival include live music, hands-on arts and craft activities for children, souvenir posters and t-shirts, art raffle and more.

A diverse menu will served up by local restaurants and food trucks, along with a wine and beer garden, and water-soft drink beverage stations. Convenient on-site parking and FREE shuttle service will also be available.

Admission is \$5 for adults; MKAF members and children 12 and under are admitted FREE. Proceeds from the festival help MKAF build “The Foundation of Arts and Culture in Our Community.”

Learn more at MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

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CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton’s 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick.** Browse Kathleen’s original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen’s studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www.CHROMA30A.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

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THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit justingaffrey.com or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured

in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. **ShardShop.com/Grayton**. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. **ShardShop.com/Destin**.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

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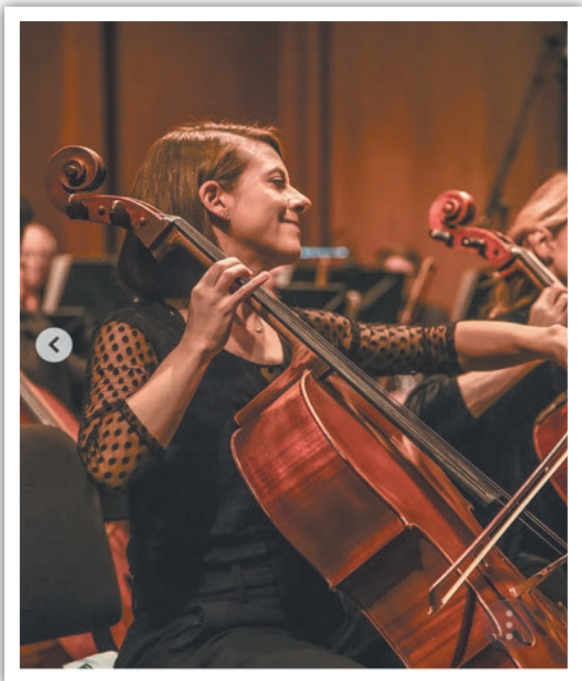
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The Living Legacy of the Beal Street Bottle Club – Part 2

By Gwen D'Vyne Lanier

Last issue's article focused on the history of the Beal Street Bottle Club (2010-2014) and some of the amazing talent that performed there. Now let's hear from some of the musicians who called the Fort Walton Beach venue home.

Hope Given: After I'd been coming to the Bottle Club on a regular basis, Gwen did something that changed my life. I was 19 and knew I loved music, but had no concept that playing it live professionally was an option. And fashionably, I was an un-hot mess—hair was wrong, clothes were wrong and I knew it, but didn't know what to do to change it.

Gwen still loved me and saw something special. Let me tell you how Gwen changed my life. She invited me to her home and gave me the most transformative haircuts I've ever had, told me to look through her closet for a dress. I felt beautiful. It opened my eyes to the definition of beautiful. Gwen lit my fire. Gwen told me I was capable of playing music. Gwen helped me change and understand my image.

With everything great that happened at the Bottle Club, I am blown away by the impact EdMo (Lanier) and Gwen have been able to make on lives inside and outside of the club. I love the two of them unconditionally.

Lionel C: Need to open another club like that. If I had the money, I would just to have the gang back again.

Curtis Clark a/k/a Homemade Soul: BSBC holds a special place in my heart. I met mom and pops after going on a Saturday night and never left. Hosted open mics, planned shows, performed... that place was home. One memory that stands out—shameless plug—I wrote a song about it on one of my albums... the vibe was real. Now I'm in Virginia, working 9 to 5 and running a music publishing company, getting songwriters paid for their music.

Al Alvarado: Wow, what great times. This was a room where *all* people were welcomed and embraced by love. At its height, it was about the music and fellowship.

Jae Rich: Words couldn't explain how grateful and blessed I am for the people, opportunities and musical confidence the BSBC gave me. The first venue that sparked something in me, which

resulted in me putting together shows and productions, and allowing me to display those visions.

Moses West: I've been everywhere performing across the country, and that is still my favorite venue ever.

Vernell Leysath: I was new in town in 2011 and wanted to make new friends and have a great place to go. The clerk in the rental office told me about the BSBC. I went there on a Wednesday night and was told I looked like a singer, so P-Nut called on me and I sang "Summertime." I didn't know all the words, so I sang one verse over and over.

EdMo, P-Nut and Gwen saw something in me worth tapping into and continually called on me. And then, one Friday night in November, I was showcased singing two songs we rehearsed. It was a wonderful night, and that's when I told EdMo I decided to stay in Florida and wasn't moving back to New Jersey. I really miss BSBC...there's no other place like it.

WHAT ARE GWEN AND EDMO DOING THESE DAYS?

After Gwen and EdMo sold the club, they created a duo and performed as

the house entertainment at Cuvee 30A for nearly two years. During this time, they created a style utilizing elements of all of the music they love.

Their genre is Reggae Fusion. They both love rhythm and all styles of music. This direction has allowed Gwen and EdMo to keep songs pop, jazz, R&B, blues and indie songs in their repertoire while staying true to "the sound and soul" of Simply D'Vyne. They are currently working on their first album, which will feature the original songs "Take Me to the Sea," "Spirit Bone and Clay," "Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover," "Let's Dance," "Shine On," and "Be the Solution."

Community remains important to Gwen and EdMo. They have established the Emerald Coast Blues Society and host a blues jam every Monday night at the Funky Blues Shack in Destin. The goal is to connect with other musicians, beginners and pros. On jam night, musicians collaborate, create, congregate and recreate the BSBC experience. The core band is EdMo (bass), John Wolffer (drums), Chris Gardner (keyboards), Lionel C and Pappa G. Gwen serves as the host.



UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

OCT. 5

Behemoth, *I Loved You at Your Darkest*

Doyle Bramhall II, *Shades**

Lindsey Buckingham, *Solo Anthology**

Cat Power, *Wanderer**

Eric Church, *Desperate Man**

Coheed and Cambria, *The Unheavenly Creatures*

Sheryl Crow, *Live at the Capitol Theatre – 2017 Be Myself Tour*. Blu-ray.

Echo & The Bunnymen, *The Stars, the Oceans & the Moon**

Fucked Up, *Dose Your Dreams**

High on Fire, *Electric Messiah*

Will Hoge, *My American Dream**

John Lennon, *Imagine (The Ultimate Collection)****

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Twenty One Pilots, *Trench***

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Ambrose Akinmusire, *Origami Harvest*

Atreyu, *In Our Wake**

Lindsay Beaver, *Tough as Love*

Bottle Rockets, *Bit Logic**

David Bowie, *Loving the Alien (1983-1988)**

Edie Brickell & New Bohemians, *Rocket*

Eric Clapton, *Happy Xmas**

Elvis Costello & The Imposters, *Look Now**

John Hiatt, *The Eclipse Sessions**

Englebert Humperdinck, *Warmest Christmas Wishes*

Michael McDonald, *Season of Peace: The Christmas Collection*

The Monkees, *Christmas Party*

Tom Morello, *The Atlas Underground**

Kurt Vile, *Bottle It In**

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Local country singer Jessie Ritter will advance, along with nine other semi-finalists, to the NASH Next National Finale at Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville October 11. Ms. Ritter won the NASH Next local finals at The Village of Baytowne Wharf in September.

She was one of four area country artists who performed original songs in the live challenge event, and Ms. Ritter won over the crowd with her performance of “Meet Your Mother,” the opening track from her new album *Coffee Every Morning*. Ms. Ritter was selected WYBZ-FM’s winner by a team of judges comprised of local music industry professionals (along with *Beachcomber* Editor Chris Manson).

Jessie Ritter is a singer-songwriter from southeast Missouri, based in Northwest Florida by way of Nashville and a worldwide musical adventure. You can download her music and get to know her by visiting **JessieRitter.com**.

“This is two years in a row that we’ve sent talent from the Emerald Coast to Nashville to compete as one of the top ten finalists in the NASH Next competition,” says WYBZ-FM program director **Woofy Ramone**.

A total of 61 NASH/Cumulus stations in 54 markets—including Dallas, New York, Atlanta, Detroit and Nashville—have conducted extensive local talent searches, with additional

national participation made possible by Cumulus’ digital properties and syndicated country shows.

Finalists, and ultimately the 2018 winner, will be selected by a panel of country music luminaries, including Scott Borchetta, founder, president and CEO of Big Machine Label Group, the world’s top independent record label and home to superstar Taylor Swift; Cindy Watts, a 15-year veteran country music reporter; and Terri Clark, platinum recording artist and host of the national radio show *Country Gold*.

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The Record That Changed My Life: Bob Cushing



Photo by Walt Strockbine.

One of my friends in junior high turned me on to KISS when I was 14 years old, and I bought *Alive!* I still have the original copy.

Their music was totally different than anything that was being played on the radio at that time. They were like Marvel Comic superheroes. The damned bass player spit blood and breathed fire, for crying out loud! It was then and there that I decided that's what I wanted to do for a living, and I made good on it.

They were my gateway drug to bands like Led Zeppelin, The Who, Aerosmith, etc. I still listen to that album to this day. Every song on this double-live monstrosity kicks ass!

Singer-songwriter Bob Cushing performs regularly around Beachcomberland. Check out his upcoming gigs in this issue's Live Music Calendar, and plan your life around them.



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**Count Basie Orchestra
and Various Artists**
All About That Basie
Concord Jazz



A batch of modern jazz artists pooled their talents on this, including Kurt Elling, Stevie Wonder, Jon Faddis, Joey DeFrancesco, Wycliffe Gordon, Take 6 and others. With the backing of the Count Basie Orchestra (at age 80, collectively still the Ultimate Sidemen), each artist takes a track and gives it a personal spin. Faddis covers “Tequila,” Stevie Wonder croons harmonica over a gentle, dignified-swing version of “My Cherie Amour,” and the Orchestra turns in one of the most unusual arrangements of Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” you might ever hear. I never thought you could dance to that song. My mistake.

- Bruce Collier

Tony Bennett & Diana Krall
Love Is Here to Stay
Verve

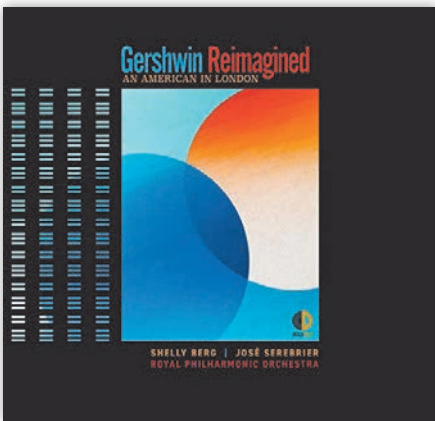


In addition to Tony Bennett and Diana Krall, this album features the talents of the Bill Charlap Trio. At age 92, Bennett’s voice does not have its once back wall-hitting power, but his rhythm and mastery of a lyric are still strong, maybe even richer than before. Krall’s purring, intimately off-kilter voice and instinct for placing notes are ideal served up alongside the old pro. The playlist is all George and Ira Gershwin classics and standards, with equal parts joy and regret. “They Can’t Take That Away

from Me” and “Fascinating Rhythm” are standouts. It’s low-key, close-up stuff, so lean in.

- Bruce Collier

Shelly Berg
Gershwin Reimagined: An American in London
Decca Gold



Pianist Shelly Berg (and Trio) and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra sat down together in London and produced *Gershwin Reimagined*. The album also features guest musicians Arturo Sandoval, Ledisi, and others. It’s described as a “sonically high-def contemporary treatment” of some of George and Ira’s greatest hits. The Gershwins come with a pretty long shelf life as it is, but there are fresh surprises here, such as a fiddle-piano version of “Fascinating Rhythm” that invokes vintage metropolitan Gershwin with a touch of Western Swing. This is a good example of how to spin classics with innovation and respect.

- Bruce Collier

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G feel vulnerable and intimate, like a secret shared between friends.

- Nikki Hedrick

Duck Phat
Big Phun
Independent



If there was a litmus test to single out longtime locals here, one likely question would be, “Are you on a first name basis with the members of Duck Phat?” If your answer is no, don’t worry—it just means a few more parties in your future to the tune of southern music inspired by the deep bayous and Appalachian traditions. There’s so much fun and bright energy packed onto *Big Phun* that it requires an alternate spelling. It’s a wonderful thing that this album exists and will bring joy for many years to come.

- Nikki Hedrick

EDITOR’S CHOICE
Kathy Mattea
Pretty Bird
Captain Potato



Ms. Mattea performed at the 30A Songwriters Festival in January, and I was amazed that the late-’80s/early-’90s country music hitmaker’s voice hadn’t seemed to diminish one whit. She continues to shine on this collection of timeless songs, including Mary Gauthier’s “Mercy Now.” I don’t know if Ms. Mattea wrote any of the others, but she certainly owns them all now.

- Chris Manson



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Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
PHILO, 9 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
Karaoke, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
KYLE HASTINGS, 6-10 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
JAMEL BOAST, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com
MAX McCANN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
DINO LOURDI, 5 PM

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-9 PM
Doors at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15, FREE for MKAF members and children 12 and under.

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

WSRE AMOS STUDIO, Pensacola State College
ROADSIDE GLORIOUS, 7 PM
StudioAmped Season 11 TV taping. Doors open at 6.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

AJ’S, Destin
I’MAGENE, Noon-3 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
JACOB MOHR BAND, 3:30-7:30 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 8 PM-Midnight (Jumbotron Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
PHILO, 9 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
I’MAGENE, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-11 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
SUPERFACED, 8 PM-Midnight
Beach Luau Party, 5-9 PM. Does this mean we’ll see Brandon Day in a grass skirt?

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE, DestinSeafoodFestival.com
SOUND GARDEN, 4 PM - ???
GROUP THERAPY, 6 PM
ALLMAN GOLDFLIES BAND, 8 PM

FUBAR, Okaloosa Island
OROBORUS, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
ROSHAMBEATLES, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com
ROB ROMANS, 5-8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE GRAYTONES, 4 PM
CRUSHED VELVET Featuring ELI HANNON, 6:30 PM
GRAPE DRINK, 9 PM
Destin Seafood Festival

KC’S SANDBAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach
FINGA FAYA, 9 PM-1 AM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
SMILIN’ FRITZ AND THE HOODOO DADDYS, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A HORSE FARM AT ARNETT’S GULFSIDE, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-208-3114
LUKE LANGFORD BAND, 7 PM
Friday Farmhouse Concerts inside the Tack Room. Doors at 6:30 PM.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6-9 PM

WSRE AMOS STUDIO, Pensacola State College
Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival Show with ANNE BUCKLE, TIM BUPPERT and JERRY VANDIVER, 7 PM
StudioAmped Season 11 TV taping. Doors open at 6.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, Noon-4 PM (Bimini Stage)
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, Noon-3 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
SOUTHSIDE OF THE TRACKS, 3:30-7:30 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 4:30-8:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
NAKD, 8 PM-Midnight (Jumbotron Stage)
DJ SERPENT, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
PHILO, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
YEAH, PROBABLY, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
SUPERFACED, 6-10 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-11 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
Indie Artist Showcase, 8 PM-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com
JIM COUCH, 5-9 PM

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE, DestinSeafoodFestival.com
STONE BALL JACKERS, Noon
THREE BEAN SOUP, 2 PM
FUZZY JONES, 4 PM
EMERALD GOLD, 6 PM
NIGHT TRIPPER, 8 PM

DOC’S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com
ED WRANN, 5-8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
DÉJÀ VU, 11 AM
GEORGIA CLAY BAND, 1:30 PM
8 SECOND RIDE, 4 PM
MATT STELL, 6:30 PM
ANDY VELO, 8 PM
JUST ADD FIRE Fire Spinning, 10:30 PM
Destin Seafood Festival. Fireworks at 9 PM.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

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OROBORUS, 6-8 PM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100
Gypsy Jazz with TONI DRAGO, 6-9 PM

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

AJ'S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, Noon-3:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
GUNNER, 11 AM-3 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 4 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
YEAH, PROBABLY, 3:30-7:30 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 4:30-8:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 4-8 PM

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
ROBERT WRIGHT, 5-9 PM

BAY BAITS, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM
Benefit for Food For Thought.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE, DestinSeafoodFestival.com
FAIS DO DO, Noon
MOOS BROS., 2 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

THE FRISKY DOLPHIN, Pensacola Beach
BOB CUSHING, 3:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7-10 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, GrowlerGarage30A.com
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 4-7 PM

GULF PLACE ON 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
THE GRAYTONES, 5-7 PM
FREE Fall Concert Series

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 11 AM
FLASH FLOOD, 1:30 PM
I'MAGENE, 4 PM
Destin Seafood Festival

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LANG HOLLOMAN, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 PM-3 PM and 7-10 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 AM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, OCT. 8

AJ'S, Destin
MAT HALL, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ SERPENT, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Blues Jam, 7-10 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GRITS N PIECES, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

AJ'S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6-10 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
ROBERT WRIGHT, 5-9 PM
Movies on the Beach at 8 PM.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
TORNADO RIDER, 9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

AJ'S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-11 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ CHARLES, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
Q MONEY, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke, 7-10 PM

Live Music

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

BAXTER’S BAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 8 PM-Midnight

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
TORNADO RIDER, 9 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE
FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach,
GrowlerGarage30A.com
BOB CUSHING, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
BRANDON SANTINI, 7-9 PM
FREE Wednesday Night Concert Series

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
Karaoke, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
KYLE HASTINGS, 6-10 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
JAMEL BOAST, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,
CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach,
GrowlerGarage30A.com
MAX MCCANN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
SEASON AMMONS BAND, 7-9 PM
Doors at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15, FREE for MKAF members and children 12 and under.

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

AJ’S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7-11 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
HORSESHOE KITTY, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
SUPERFACED, 6-10 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-11 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
TYLER LIVINGSTON AND THE ABSOLUTES, 8 PM-Midnight
Beach Luau Party, 5-9 PM.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,
CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEE YANKIE, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
RETROS Featuring KATIE SMITH, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)



Allman Goldflies Band performs at the Destin Seafood Festival Friday, Oct. 5.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE TANK, Valparaiso
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

30A HORSE FARM AT ARNETT’S GULFSIDE, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-208-3114
DAVE P + JMT, 7 PM
Friday Farmhouse Concerts inside the Tack Room. Doors at 6:30 PM.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ SERPENT, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
3HG, 10 PM-Midnight (Jumbotron Stage)

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
EL DUB, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
SUPERFACED, 6-10 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-11 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
ROSHAMBO, 8 PM-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

BUSTER’S BEER AND BAIT, Panama City Beach
BOB CUSHING, 6PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin,
CaptDavesOnTheGulf.com
JIM COUCH, 5-9 PM

DOC’S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
GROUP THERAPY, 8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin,
EmeraldGrande.com
LUKE LANGFORD BAND, 7 PM
Fish the Days, Rock the Nights

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
GYPSY PEARL, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100
Gypsy Jazz with TONI DRAGO, 6-9 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
THE MODERN ELDORADOS, 2-4 PM
GOLD & MOTION, 4-6 PM
Baytowne Beer Fest

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 4 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
PARKER WILLINGHAM, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7-10 PM

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4-7 PM

GULF PLACE ON 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
LONGSTRAP, 5-7 PM
FREE Fall Concert Series

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LANG HOLLOMAN, 5 PM

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 5-8 PM

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 AM-3 PM and 7-10 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD"
JACKSON, 11 AM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, OCT. 15

AJ'S, Destin
MAT HALL, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ SERPENT, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
TREST RICHERSON, 5-9 PM

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Blues Jam, 7-10 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEE YANKIE, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

AJ'S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6-10 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
KEN MARTIN, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

AJ'S, Destin
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-11 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ CHARLES, 8 PM-Close (Bimini Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
Q MONEY, 9 PM-1 AM

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke, 7-10 PM

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
ROBERT WRIGHT, 5-9 PM

BAXTER'S BAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 8 PM-Midnight

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
I'MAGENE, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach,
GrowlerGarage30A.com
TANNER GRAY, 5-8 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
DINO LOURDI, 5 PM

OLLIE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILLE, Pensacola Beach
BOB CUSHING, 6PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, BaytowneWharf.com
MATT MCCARTY QUINTET, 7-9 PM
FREE Wednesday Night Concert Series

Events

ICYMI – CreativeCon 2018

Panama City's CreativeCon— held Sept. 22 and 23—is a niche convention that amplifies the sense of community within geek-culture.

They support locals first—artists, comic book creators, authors and more from our own backyard. This annual event creates a bridge to the arts, offering a platform for expression and visibility.

CreativeCon has grown from the ground up. It began in a library with a handful of artists showcasing their projects and has steadily grown to the current location at the Marina Civic Center.

The event is dotted with normal Con experiences—costume contests, fun activities, panels, and vendors selling unusual memorabilia.

Yet one of the coolest aspects is the persuasive feeling of community. When

Mom and I arrived at the event on Saturday, we spotted a friend before we even made it out of the parking lot or hit the doors of the convention. There were hugs and catch-up chatter, and that feeling continued throughout the day, where each rounded corner could lead to a friendly face.

If you've never been to CreativeCon or don't know many people in the area, that's okay. Chances are you'll leave the event with a few new friends and feeling a little less alone in the world.

Whether you enjoying cosplay or want to meet other people who are just into the same nerdy, geeky stuff that you're into, CreativeCon is a fantastic experience.

Learn more about next year's event at **PCCreativeCon.com**.

- Nikki Hedrick



All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Oct. 18 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, **Oct. 11**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

PUMPKINS ON SALE!

Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 9 AM-4 PM
Pumpkins available seven days a week.

THE 70TH ANNUAL DESTIN FISHING RODEO

The Marina at AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar, Destin
DestinFishingRodeo.org

Daily weigh-ins with local legend **Bruce Cheves**, 10 AM-7 PM.

THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 10

THE 15TH ANNUAL BEACHES TO WOODLANDS TOUR

Santa Rosa County
BeachesToWoodlands.com
Lose yourself in a corn maze, feel the adrenaline of a zip line tour through fall foliage, shop the many festivals and events... Unique accommodations are available for weekend getaways.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4- SUNDAY, OCT. 7

BAY BAITS BENEFIT – FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENT & PARTY

Bay Baits, Santa Rosa Beach
BayBaits.com
The family-friendly tournament benefits **Food For Thought**.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5- SATURDAY, OCT. 6

THIRD ANNUAL SWORDY SHOOTOUT
Boshamps, Destin Harbor

Weigh-ins Saturday from 4 to 9 PM, with cash prizes for the biggest swordfish, etc. A portion of the event proceeds will go to Emerald Coast Autism Center. Register at **Boshamps.com**.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5- SUNDAY, OCT. 7

THE 40TH ANNUAL DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Destin Harbor Boardwalk
DestinSeafoodFestival.com

Three days of arts, crafts, live music, food, fireworks and more. FREE to attend—parking fees may apply. More in this issue's Live Music section.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

HarborWalk Village, Destin
EmeraldGrande.com
Unleash your inner fan and enjoy food and drink specials at all your favorite HarborWalk spots.

FALL FESTIVAL

Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 11 AM-4 PM
Cost is \$2 per person, kids ages 6 and under FREE.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

GRAND PRIX DE VAL P POKER RUN

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 AM-4 PM
850-678-2615
Cost is \$20 per car in advance, \$25 day of event. Buy tickets at **heritage-museum.org**. Pick up your poker hand at AJ's on the Bayou, Fort Walton Beach; Clemenza's in Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach; McGuire's Irish Pub in Destin; Porsche of Destin; and Bonefish Grill, Destin.

INTRO TO BLACKSMITHING

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 AM-2 PM

850-678-2615

Join master craftsman **Dave Sandlin** and try your hand at the forge. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes. Cost is \$85 (\$80 for museum members). Limited space, so strike while the iron is hot! Preregistration required.

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Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
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SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

ROSEMARY BEACH FOUNDATION FALL BOCCE TOURNAMENT

East Long Green, Rosemary Beach
Bocce30A.com



Court assignments at 9:30 AM, tournament begins at 10. Round robin followed by single elimination—matching team attire is encouraged. Get your tickets online. The event benefits **Habitat for Humanity**. Cost is \$75 for teams of two, BBQ and two complimentary drinks included.

SUNDAY MARKET

Gulf Place on 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 4-8 PM
GulfPlaceFL.com
Artwork, candles, food and more from Emerald Coast artisans.

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

BUNCO NIGHT

Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8 PM
shake-for-science.eventbrite.com

Compete to win for prizes...even for most losses! Advance tickets are \$20 (\$25 at the door) and include entry fee, light appetizers and refreshments.

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER

Destin Library, 9 AM
850-837-8572
Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is \$5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

DR. PEGGY – “WOMAN WITTY AND WIZE”

Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 11:30 AM
twistedgrapewinebar.com
Call 850-651-5100 for more info.

FLIGHT NIGHT

Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 5 PM-Close
twistedgrapewinebar.com
Wine flights are \$2 off. Call 850-651-5100 for more info.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

FIREWORKS

Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 9 PM
TheBoardwalkOI.com/Fireworks

OPEN HOUSE

Pure & Couture Studio, Destin, 5:30-8 PM
Stunning giveaways, light bites, beverages and more.

Events

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

FWB CHAMBER FORUM ON HALF-CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM
Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, 8 AM
FWBChamber.org
The Chamber discusses the benefits of the Nov. 6 ballot referendum. Speakers include Okaloosa County Commissioner **Graham Fountain**, along with other county and community representatives. Open to the public, and questions are encouraged. Call 850-244-8191 for more info.

“LET’S TALK: A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION”
Seaside Assembly Hall, Santa Rosa Beach, 6 PM
TheSeasideinstitute.WildApricot.org/events



The topic of discussion is the 30A Mobility Project, a public and private partnership whose aim is solving traffic, congestion and parking along 30A (among other things).

LUNCH & LEARN WITH LAURA BENTO
Vin'tij Food & Wine, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 11:30 AM-1 PM
ypwaltoncounty.com
Ms. Bento, the founder and editor-in-chief of *Good Grit* magazine, discusses her favorite f-word—failure! Presented by the Young Professionals of Walton County. Cost to attend is \$25 (\$20 for YPWC members). Limited to 50 attendees.



OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
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SATURDAY, OCT. 13

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HarborWalk Village, Destin
EmeraldGrande.com
Unleash your inner fan and enjoy food and drink specials at all your favorite HarborWalk spots.

DOG DAZE
Liza Jackson Park, Fort Walton Beach, 9 AM-3 PM
FWBChamber.org
Featuring pet parade and costume contest (this year's theme is “Wild Wild West”), dachshund races, PAWS rabies and microchip clinic, pet adoption services from various pet rescues, food vendors and more. All well-behaved, leashed dogs over six months of age are invited to attend—proof of up-to-date rabies vaccination required. Suggested donation is \$3 per pet—no charge for accompanying humans. Advance registration available online.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

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Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
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SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SIP & SCIENCE
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 6-9 PM
sipandscience-october2018.eventbrite.com
Bring your friends, grab a drink, and unleash your inner scientist. Ages 21 and up. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for ECSC members).

ZETA PHI BETA FUNDRAISER
Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 1-3 PM
twistedgrapewinebar.com
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SATURDAY, OCT. 20

LAKE POWELL MOONLIGHT PADDLE
Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 7:30-9:30 PM
850-233-5059
Join the Camp Helen State Park Rangers for a moonlight paddle on Florida's largest coastal

dune lake. Program is \$35 per person, cash only—includes life jacket, paddle, glow sticks, park admission fee and donation to the Friends of Camp Helen State Park. Outside watercraft and gear not permitted. Limited to experienced paddlers ages 12 and up. Advance reservations required.



Mikey and Bander, two recent Alaqua Pets of the Week. Meet your new best friend(s) at Alaqua Animal Refuge in Freeport. Learn more at Alaqua.org. #AdoptDontShop

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services—7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park, Destin Crab Trap, and the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk; 9:30 AM Xalt service (contemporary) at Destin Life Center; 9:30 AM harbor worship service at Brotula's in Destin; 11 AM traditional service at the Sanctuary; 5:30 PM sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-837-2021 or visit **DestinUMC.org**.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available.

Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 AM, traditional worship 9:45 AM Sunday school, 11 AM, contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa

Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 AM at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org**.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll

Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org**.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. **www.shorelinechurch.net**.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.








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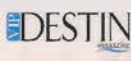
Visit TheBoardwalkOI.com/Fireworks for information.

















Meet the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center's New Board Member



Janet Parker, the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center's (ECCAC) newest board member, retired this year as an executive vice-president from Regions Bank in Birmingham, Alabama, where she had strategic HR oversight in numerous corporate areas.

Holding a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama, Ms. Parker is a graduate of the American Banking Institution's Graduate Human Resources School. She also has a Senior Professional in Human Resources Certification.

Originally from Birmingham, Ms. Parker moved to Watersound with her husband Gary, a retired attorney and mortgage banker, and their three grown children.

"I have a passion for children," Ms. Parker says. "When I took the tour of ECCAC's center in Niceville, I became so excited, and we determined the areas (where) I could be of the greatest assistance, particularly in the HR realm."

Read more about the ECCAC in this issue's News from Beachcomberland.

Toastmasters International: Where Leaders Are Made



For more than 90 years, Toastmasters International has been empowering individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Visiting a club is a first step in reaching those goals. There are six clubs in the Okaloosa-Walton area and six clubs in the Pensacola area.

To find the nearest club, visit toastmasters.org/Find-a-Club and enter your zip code in the search box. For questions, contact Lou Cumming at louis.s.cumming@gmail.com.

QUOTE: "It's amazing the personal growth and change one can experience when you step outside the box."

BBQ for CIC



Okaloosa Gas continued their great support to Children in Crisis by presenting a huge gas grill to the children living at the CIC Children's Neighborhood. The grill helped feed the volunteer workers of the recent United Way of Okaloosa Walton Day of Caring.

Then Jenni Brunson, marketing director for Okaloosa Gas, called CIC and asked if the children needed a grill.

"We have been blessed with great support from the community to build and sustain operations of the Children's Neighborhood," says CIC

president and CEO **Ken Hair**. "Support from Okaloosa Gas is a tremendous help in our efforts to help feed and care for the at-risk children living at CIC. Now the children have a grill big enough for all!"

Pictured here are Ms. Brunson, along with Okaloosa Gas' Kenny Kilpatrick and Eric Black, Mr. Hair, and CIC development director Allie Noah.

To learn more about Children in Crisis call 850-864-4242 or visit ChildrenInCrisisFL.org.

Lamberts Take to the Road to Celebrate 30 Years – Part 2

By Samantha Lambert

It was a 30th anniversary trip my husband Scott and I had planned, taking us from Fort Walton Beach to Chicago and back. The second half of our adventure is covered here.

INDIANAPOLIS

We continued our trip from Louisville, Kentucky, to Indianapolis, Indiana. Along the way we saw the Meadow Lake Wind Farm near Brookston, Indiana, containing more than 600 wind turbines. According to their website, the farm can provide enough power for approximately 157,000 Indiana homes.

We made a quick stop at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway located in Speedway, Indiana. It is the home of the Indy 500 and the Brickyard 400. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum is located inside the 2.5-mile oval track. Check it out at IndyRacingMuseum.org.

CHICAGO



From Indianapolis, we headed to Chicago. Our son Alex had flown into Louisville the night before to take in Chicago with us. Luckily for us, my college roommate Kim and her husband Don live part-time in the Windy City and were our tour guides. We stayed at the Marriot Residence Inn Dearborn in the north end of Chicago. Great hotel, and convenient to the downtown sites.

That first afternoon, the three of us walked over to the Trump International Hotel for drinks on the 16th floor terrace. Beautiful views of the city from there. We then headed over to Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse on Kinzie Street where we met Kim and Don for dinner.

The food was outstanding. I had the Chicken Vesuvio, and Scott and Alex had the Chicken Parmigiana.

There is plenty of sports memorabilia there as well since Caray was the longtime announcer for the Chicago Cubs.

The next morning Kim and Don took us on a walking tour of the city. We took pictures by the Chicago River and walked down Michigan Avenue, a/k/a The Magnificent Mile. We then headed to the Chicago Bean, a huge stainless steel bean-shaped sculpture by artist Anish Kapoor located in Millennium Park. The Bean reflects the Chicago Skyline and images of visitors who walk to and under it. A must-see.



We then headed to Chicago's Navy Pier, a 3,300-foot long pier on the Chicago shoreline of Lake Michigan. One of the major attractions there is the Centennial Wheel, a Ferris wheel that climbs to heights of nearly 200 feet and offers 360-degree views of the city.

Navy Pier has many restaurants where you can enjoy some of Chicago's favorite foods. We had lunch at the Billy Goat Tavern which inspired the classic John Belushi-era Greek restaurant sketches on *Saturday Night Live*.

That afternoon, we went over to Wrigley Field (MLB.com/cubs/ballpark) on the L train. Traveling by train was super easy and convenient—three dollars for a one-way ticket. It was our first time there, and we walked around the stadium first to check it out. We then stopped in Murphy's Bleachers, a sports pub across from Wrigley Field, for drinks before the game.

Murphy's has been there for almost 80 years and is packed before a Cubs home game. Our seats were in the bleacher section and even though we had on New York Mets attire, the Cubs fans were pretty nice to us. It was a fun night and an easy ride on the L train back to our hotel.

ST. LOUIS



On our way out of Chicago the next day, we dropped our son off at the airport for his flight back to Fort Walton Beach. We continued on to St. Louis, Missouri, where we went up in the famous Gateway Arch (GatewayArch.com), the tallest manmade monument in the U.S.

It is 630 feet or 63 stories up to the top in a small capsule-like tram. At the top is an observation deck where you see magnificent views of the city and the Mississippi River. It is not a place for those with a fear of heights. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing it.

MEMPHIS



Our last stop was Memphis, Tennessee, where we stayed at the The Guesthouse at Graceland (GuesthouseGraceland.com). It opened two years ago and is on Elvis Presley Boulevard (Highway 51). The Guesthouse definitely has the Elvis touch, along with his music playing throughout the hotel.

Shuttles take you to Graceland, which is just down the street. You are provided with a tablet and headphones that explain parts of the mansion on the tour. Our tour included the lower floor of the house, the grounds, and Elvis' private jet, the Lisa Marie. Lunch at Gladys's Diner completed our visit to Graceland.

Beachcomberland Places

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS’ MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
- **30A FARMERS’ MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest’s* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. www.regattabay.com.

SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB Referred to as the “Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle” by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. www.santarosaclub.com.

MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 AM 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. www.gulfarium.com.

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

LEITZ MUSIC Guitars, bass, drums and keyboards, plus recording, DJ and PA equipment. Sales, repairs and lessons. Gibson, Fender, PRS, Taylor, Martin, Ibanez and more. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 AM-7 PM, Sundays noon-5 PM Located in Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 850-863-1099. www.facebook.com/LeitzMusicFWB.

PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.

TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk, or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.

TUMBLING, ETC.

BEACH ELITE CHEER AND TUMBLE Here visiting and need to work on your tumbling skills? Just a short 15-minute drive from Destin in the heart of Fort Walton Beach, Beach Elite Cheer and Tumble is the only cheerleading and tumbling facility for ages 3 to 18 in the area. If you’re looking for something fun and different to do, let our experienced and nationally certified staff help you out. Try a tumbling class for a \$15 drop-in fee, or open gym every Friday from 6:30 to 10 PM with dinner included for only \$15. For more information, visit beachelitecheerleading.com, call 850-362-6459, or email info@beachelitecheerleading.com. We hope to see you soon! **#GoodVibes**

Lose yourself in a corn maze, feel the adrenaline on a zip-line tour through fall foliage or shop your way through the many festivals and events.

The Beaches to Woodlands Tour is a self-guided series of fall events taking place on the weekends in Santa Rosa County.

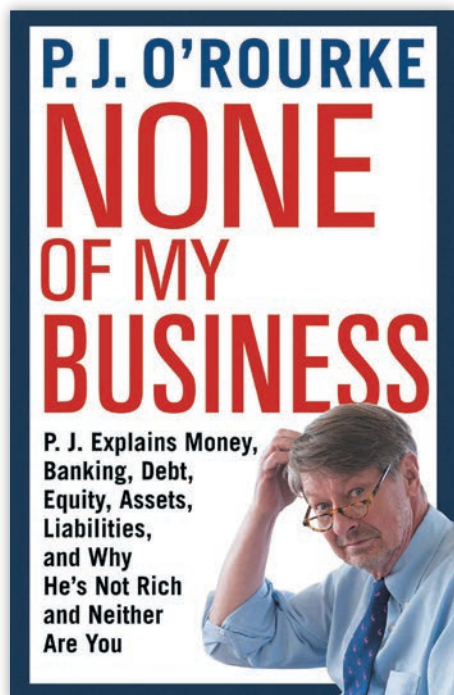
The Tour runs September 22 to November 10th. Unique accommodations are available for a weekend get-a-way. **Adventure awaits at www.beachestowoodlands.com or call 850-981-8900 for more information.**

Hosted by the Santa Rosa County Tourist Development Office.

Recommended Reading

P.J. O'Rourke

None of My Business
Atlantic Monthly Press



Humorist P.J. O'Rourke wrote two of the funniest nonfiction books I've ever read, *Holidays in Hell* and *Parliament of Whores*. Though his latest, *None of My Business*, isn't quite up to the laugh-out-loud level of those two, it has its moments.

In this collection of connected and independent essays, O'Rourke explains modern domestic and global business, mutant capitalism, bitcoins, et al. This takes him onto the Internet ("a sewer dive into the minds of others") and social media, which offers the richest field for satiric humor since the rise of recreational drugs; therein are some of his wittiest observations.

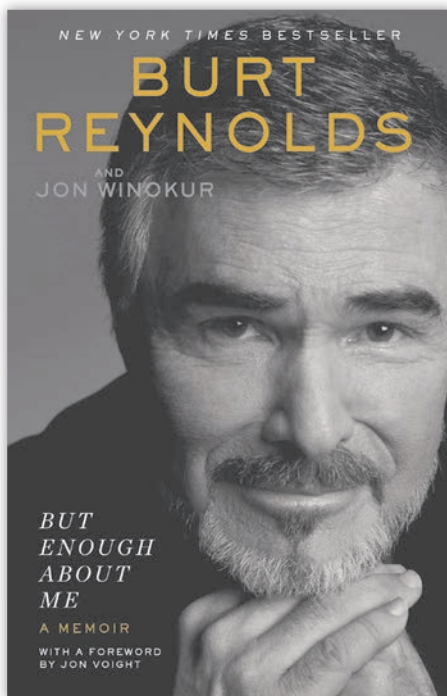
- Bruce Collier

Burt Reynolds and Jon Winokur

But Enough About Me: A Memoir
G.P. Putnam's Sons

The iconic movie and television star Burt Reynolds passed away on September 6 at the age of 82. His *New York Times* bestselling memoir about the people who influenced him throughout his life was published in 2015. The book points out those who helped him along the way and those he feels "did him wrong." Reynolds himself even tries to atone for the times when he acted "badly."

The memoir starts off with Reynolds growing up in South Florida, the son of a policeman and a nurse. His father, "Big Burt," was a WWII vet and very strict



with Reynolds. Elsewhere, Reynolds discusses the figures in the sports world that had a positive influence on his life, including former Florida State head football coaches Bobby Bowden and Tom Nugent, former Kansas City Royals coach Dick Howser, and ESPN Announcer Lee Corso.

On the acting side, Reynolds praises Watson Duncan II, an English literature professor and theater director at Palm Beach Junior College; actors Rip Torn, Charles Durning, Ossie Davis, and Jon Voight; and cowboy star Roy Rogers.

The women who had a positive influence in Reynolds' life include actresses Dinah Shore and Sally Field, both of whom he discusses at length. Little attention is focused on ex-wives Judy Carne and Loni Anderson.

Reynolds was not a fan of Marlon Brando, director John Avildsen, and *Deliverance* author James Dickey, but he does speak with great love and affection about his son Quinton, whom he adopted with Anderson.

If you were (and are) a fan of Burt Reynolds, you'll enjoy this honest, refreshing look at his life as an athlete and actor and those who played a role in it.

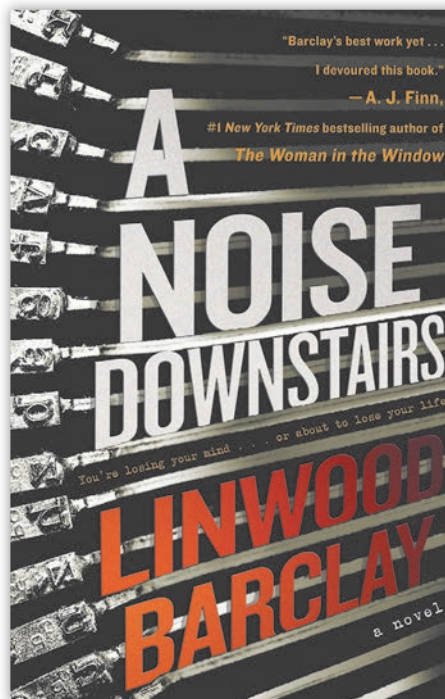
- Samantha Lambert

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Linwood Barclay

A Noise Downstairs
HarperCollins

A college professor happens upon a colleague disposing of some bodies



one night and barely escapes his own demise. From there, things just keep getting twistier and turnier. Another first-rate thriller from one of the few authors around that can pull this kind of story off without sinking into absurdity.

- Chris Manson

Library Events

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

"RE-INTRODUCING YOUR LIBRARY"

Destin Library, 2 PM

friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com

FREE and open to the public. Learn about how libraries are evolving into much more than places with lots of books to check out. Staff member **Megan Fontaine** will explain how to check out and read e-books from the library, so bring your Kindle or other electronic reading devices.

Ms. Fontaine will also talk about other new conveniences at the library, along with new programs being offered to children, teens and the general public.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12 - SATURDAY, OCT. 13

FRIENDS OF THE COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 9 AM-4 PM Friday, 9 AM-1 PM Saturday

850-267-2809

Hardcover books for \$2, paperbacks for a buck, plus audiobooks, DVDs and other items. There's also a bake sale set for Friday morning. Members are invited to a VIP preview sale Thursday, **Oct. 11**, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. All proceeds from the event support the library's programs.

Upcoming Books

OCT. 9

Mitch Albom, *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven*

Fox Butterfield, *In My Father's House: A New View of How Crime Runs in the Family*

Elin Hilderbrand, *Winter in Paradise*

Joe Ide, *Wrecked*

John Sandford, *Holy Ghost: A Virgil Flowers Novel*

Jean Thompson, *A Cloud in the Shape of a Girl*

Marcus Zusak, *Bridge of Clay*

OCT. 16

John P. Carlin, *Dawn of the Code War: America's Battle Against Russia, China, and the Rising Global Cyber Threat*

John Cleese, *Professor at Large: The Cornell Years*

Kurt Eichenwald, *A Mind Unraveled: A Memoir*

Lin-Manuel Miranda, *Gmorning, Gnight!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You*

Yotam Ottolenghi, *Ottolenghi Simple: A Cookbook*

Pete Souza, *Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents*

Nicholas Sparks, *Every Breath*

Sources: Amazon.com, Netgalley.com

Book Clubs

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

ARTS & DESIGN SOCIETY BOOK STUDY/ DISCUSSION GROUP

Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM

ArtsDesignSociety.org

The group is currently discussing Roger von Oech's *A Whack on the Side of the Head: How You Can Be More Creative*.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

BOOK LOVERS CLUB

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM

850-267-2809

The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World*, Kristen Hannah's *The Great Alone*, John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie*, Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*, Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere*, David Grann's *Killing of the Flower Moon*, Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*, and Helen Simonson's *The Summer Before the War*.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Mary Esther Public Library

850-243-5731

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM

850-243-5731

DESTIN EAST PASS TIDE AND SUNSET CHART				
10.04	Sunrise	6:42am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:28pm	High	6:21am
	Moon	34%	Low	5:14pm
10.05	Sunrise	6:42am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:27pm	High	7:45am
	Moon	23%	Low	5:54pm
10.06	Sunrise	6:43am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:25pm	High	9:06am
	Moon	14%	Low	6:21pm
10.07	Sunrise	6:43am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:24pm	High	10:31am/11:54pm
	Moon	7%	Low	6:27pm
10.08	Sunrise	6:44am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:23pm	Low	4:57am/5:56pm
	Moon	2%	High	12:08pm/11:10pm
10.09	Sunrise	6:45am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:22pm	Low	6:40am
	Moon	0%	High	11:07pm
10.10	Sunrise	6:45am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:21pm	Low	7:59am
	Moon	0%	High	11:25pm
10.11	Sunrise	6:46am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:20pm	Low	9:09am
	Moon	3%	High	11:53pm
10.12	Sunrise	6:47am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:18pm	Low	10:18am/6:18pm
	Moon	8%		
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	Sunset	6:17pm	High	12:28am
	Moon	14%	Low	11:29am
10.14	Sunrise	6:48am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:16pm	High	1:08am
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10.15	Sunrise	6:49am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:15pm	High	1:54am
	Moon	31%	Low	1:51pm
10.16	Sunrise	6:49am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:14pm	High	2:47am
	Moon	41%	Low	2:48pm
10.17	Sunrise	6:50am	TIDES	
	Sunset	6:13pm	High	3:47am
	Moon	50%	Low	3:33pm

Movies + TV

Reviews

The House with a Clock in Its Walls

Directed by Eli Roth
In Theaters
Young Lewis Barnavelt (Owen Vaccaro) moves in with his Uncle Jonathan (Jack Black) after his parents die in a car crash. The boy soon learns that his uncle is a warlock, and Jonathan's neighbor (Cate Blanchett) is a witch.

This does not help Lewis' outcast position at school. He tries to become friends with Tarby (Sunny Suljic) by breaking his uncle's only rule in order to make a friend—bringing back an old, evil warlock who knows all about the clock inside the house and what its purpose is.

Jack Black is both hilarious (as always) and very good in the more serious situations. The movie is a nice mix of humor and mystery, with a slim amount of scenes that could startle younger viewers. Overall, a fantastic show that parents and children can enjoy together.

- Evangeline Murphy

Life Itself

Directed by Dan Fogelman
In Theaters
The beginning of *Life Itself* doesn't really lend itself to much, constantly dropping the f-bomb like it was nothing and leaning heavily on the unreliable narrator. It's not until later on that we see the creation, interchanging and intertwining of lives over four generations, leading us to present day.

Every part of this film is beyond phenomenal...once it comes to a close. By the end, the viewer is so engrossed and invested in the movie, it's almost impossible to tell where all the feelings came from. The change from semi-boring to unspeakably beautiful happens so suddenly, you may not notice until the credit rolls and you're sitting in the dark wondering how the movie went from zero to 100 so quickly.

Viewers will certainly find a moment, a scene, even a line, that resonates. Everyone can find a way to connect with *Life Itself*.

- Evangeline Murphy

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

JIM LOACH'S
"ORANGES AND
SUNSHINE"
Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572
Emily Watson stars as Margaret Humphreys, the real life social worker who uncovered the mass deportation of children from the UK to Australia. With David Wenham and Hugo Weaving. FREE.



THURSDAY, NOV. 1- SATURDAY, NOV. 3

MOUNTAINFILM ON TOUR
Marina Park Amphitheater, WaterColor
MountainfilmFL.com
Celebrating its 18th year, the event has added a third day to the outdoor film festival dedicated to educating, inspiring and motivating audiences about issues that matter.

Each year, a selection of films from the International Film Festival is taken on the road to reach audiences who otherwise would not have a chance to experience the festival. The films selected for the show will explore themes connected to the Mountainfilm mission of exploring cultures, preserving, environments, and promoting adventure. A Mountainfilm presenter will guide the audience through the program providing insight on the films, filmmakers and subjects.

Each evening, gates open at 5:45 PM with films beginning at 7 PM. Tickets are available now online,

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

OCT. 5

A Star Is Born. A new, rockin' take on the tragic love story directed by Bradley Cooper, who stars with Lady Gaga, Andrew Dice Clay and Sam Elliott.
Venom. This week's Marvel Comics movie.

OCT. 12

Bad Times at the El Royale. Chris Hemsworth, Dakota Johnson, Jon Hamm, Nick Offerman, Jeff Bridges.
First Man. Ryan Gosling as Neil Armstrong. Directed by Damien Chazelle (La La Land).
Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween. Comedy adventure based on R.L. Stine's bestselling book series.

Source: Metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/ VOD RELEASES

OCT. 9

Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot. Joaquin Phoenix as the great cartoonist John Callahan. Written and directed by Gus Van Sant.
Eighth Grade. Acclaimed indie dramedy from writer-director Bo Burnham.
Hotel Transylvania 3. Animated.
Skyscraper. Dwayne Johnson goes all Die Hard or something to that effect.
The 100 – Season 5

OCT. 16

Ant Man and the Wasp. Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Michael Pena, Michael Douglas.
Elvis Presley: The Searcher. As seen on HBO.
Shampoo. Hal Ashby's 1975 sorta-classic gets the Criterion Collection treatment.
Whitney. Documentary about the late, great Ms. Houston.

Sources: metacritic.com



You have a few more opportunities to see Emerald Coast Theatre's THE SPITFIRE GRILL. Our fearless theater correspondent Nikki Hedrick, who grabbed this photo, says, "Life is better with music, and so is this play...a musical with a lot of heart."

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE SPITFIRE GRILL"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM

emeraldcoasttheatre.org

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE SPITFIRE GRILL"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM

emeraldcoasttheatre.org

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE SPITFIRE GRILL"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 3 PM and 7:30 PM

emeraldcoasttheatre.org

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE SPITFIRE GRILL"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM

emeraldcoasttheatre.org

MONDAY, OCT. 8

CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW

Al's Beach Club, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM

AlsBeachClub.com

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

ACT4MYSTERY'S "A KILLER REDNECK HOLIDAY"

La Paz, Destin, Seating at 6:30 PM

Act4Mystery.com



The cast of Act4Mystery's A KILLER REDNECK HOLIDAY.

A wannabe inventor and a wannabe cowboy cross paths with an ambitious city councilman and a couple of their relations in the new comedic murder mystery from **Paula Hilton**. With **Cynthia Bergquist**, **Kristy Davies**, **David Smith**, **kay Yarbrough** and **Beachcomber's** own **Chris Manson**. Cost for dinner and show is \$34.95 plus tax and gratuity. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for more info.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

ACT4MYSTERY'S "A KILLER REDNECK HOLIDAY"

Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, Seating at 6 PM

Act4Mystery.com

Cost for dinner and show is \$45, tax and gratuity included. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for more info.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

ACT4MYSTERY'S "A KILLER REDNECK HOLIDAY"

Samuel's Roadhouse, Crestview, Seating at 6 PM

Act4Mystery.com

Cost for dinner and show is \$38, tax and gratuity included. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for more info.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

STAGE CRAFTERS' "A CHORUS LINE"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 PM

stagecraftersfwb.com

The final production of the Crafters' 46th season. Tickets are \$25 and will be available soon.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

STAGE CRAFTERS' "A CHORUS LINE"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 PM

stagecraftersfwb.com

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

STAGE CRAFTERS' "A CHORUS LINE"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 2 PM

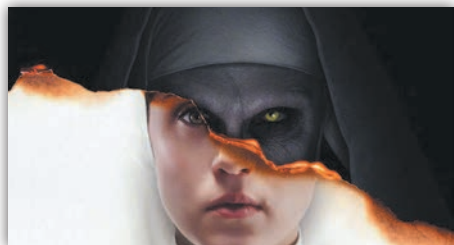
stagecraftersfwb.com

Movies + TV CONTINUED...

The Nun

Directed by **Corin Hardy**

In Theaters



The Nun blew my socks off. I know it's gotten a lot of mixed reviews, and that's okay. because it seems to happen with horror a lot. There's something so visceral about the genre that often causes viewers to either love it or hate it.

The movie mostly pulls from the atmospheric horror that I so love—that slow foreboding, really dark, beautifully colored horror that draws you into a rich experience. And then there are those "jump scares" to ensure the modern horror audiences stay interested.

If you liked the way the Nun character looked from *The Conjuring* series, and if you've been at all curious about her, this is your chance to unlock her backstory. There are three primary characters, but the stunning abbey

setting often feels like a character itself, paying homage to old school cool.

The Nun deserves a watch on the big screen. All the design details and deep shadows come alive in a theater setting.

- Nikki Hedrick

EDITOR'S CHOICE

If I Leave Here Tomorrow:

Directed by **Stephen Kijak**

Showtime



Superb documentary about the "Beatles of the South" draws on archival footage of the band during its glory days, plus new interviews with surviving Lynyrd Skynyrd members and other interesting folks. Best of all, the film debunks a lot of misconceptions about the band. And, of course, the music is great.

- Chris Manson

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Drink It in... Baytowne Wharf Beer Fest Rolls Out the Suds Oct. 12 and 13

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

BEER FROM AROUND HERE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6-8 PM
An evening under the stars showcasing Baytowne's best and local brews. Enjoy delicious appetizers from Baytowne Wharf restaurants and beer from our local breweries while enjoying live music from Beachcomber Music Award winners **The Graytones**. This intimate event is limited to 200 people.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

GRAND TASTING

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, 2-6 PM
The main event will feature more than 40 breweries, offering close to 200 domestic and international craft beers for sampling. Brewery representatives will be available to discuss the different types of lagers and ales, teaching about the variety of styles.

All ticket holders will be provided a Baytowne Wharf Beer Fest tasting glass for sampling.

Perennial favorites **The Modern Eldorados** perform from 2 to 4 PM, followed by **Gold & Motion** from 4 to 6 PM.



Tickets are available at BaytowneWharfBeerFestival.com.

Editor's Note: Leighann Elliott from The Village of Baytowne Wharf informs Beachcomber that the VIP event on Saturday is already sold out, but tickets are still available for Beer from Around Here and the Grand Tasting.

Oysters Are in the House at Seascape

My family and I had dinner at **Acme Oyster House** on a recent weekend, early enough to beat what became a fair-sized crowd. The restaurant sits off of U.S. 98 in Seascape Towne Center. Outside, you won't miss the big pink and green sign. Inside, the place is big. Ceilings are high, tables are covered with black-and-white checkered cloths, there's wooden floors and dark wood accents, brick red walls, and a bar just left of center.

Over the bar is a huge neon sign that reads: "Oysters." You can drink, eat, or just watch the folks opening and grilling oysters. The scent from the grill is seductive.

Each year I hope the oyster harvest will increase and we will be past the lean times we've been dealing with since 2012. There seemed to be no lack of oysters that night.

My wife, our daughter Grace and I got a table in the middle, giving us a 360-degree view of the diners. There were couples, families, and more than a few New Orleanians on holiday (I lived in the Crescent City for 10 years, and the working class accent is unmistakable).

Our server, Natalie, brought us menus, told us the fish of the day (swordfish), took drink orders and left us to decide.

Acme offers oysters raw in the shell, chargrilled, and in shooters (shot of vodka, oyster, down the hatch). There are appetizers, salads, New Orleans specialties, Po'boys, and both fried and grilled platters.

I was set on breaking my raw oyster fast (last time was January), so I ordered a dozen on the half-shell. Neither my wife nor Grace eat raw oysters, so we got a sharing app of meat pies. While we were waiting, I noticed the table had three bottles of Tabasco sauce—regular, jalapeño and Buffalo wing style.

The oysters and meat pies came. My dozen were of medium size, full-flavored and briny, with horseradish, cocktail sauce, and lemons. Saltines were already on the table. I just pinned my ears back and relished the experience. I tasted a meat pie—fried crisp, full of finely ground beef, onions and seasonings, with a little spicy kick at the end. I tried some of the Buffalo Tabasco, and was glad I did.



Other starters include chargrilled oysters, "boo fries" with beef gravy and cheese (like Quebec's *poutine*), wings, crab claws, onion rings, craw puppies, "boom boom" shrimp in a creamy sauce, crab cake with sweet corn maque choux, boiled seafood, and a sampler plate. There are also salads, dinner salad options with shrimp, chicken, fried oysters or assorted seafood. Soups include seafood, chicken and andouille gumbo, and an Oysters Rockefeller soup that sounded intriguing.

My daughter ordered a fried fish kids meal. My wife chose the fried shrimp and fish combo plate, adding an optional soft-shell crab. I ordered the grilled marinated shrimp, with sweet potato fries.

The entrees showed up just as I downed the 12th oyster; "I'll get those out the way," said Natalie in Ninth Ward fashion, clearing the platter of shells. The soft-shell crab was perhaps the fattest I have ever seen, plump and big enough to share (I got a crunchy, meaty leg). My wife took about half of her crisp cornmeal fried fish home (she finished the shrimp).

I got about 15 mid-to-large-sized shrimp, shelled and ready to eat, in a spicy marinade with a fruity, teriyaki-style glaze. There were plenty of sweet potato fries, which went home with my wife and daughter's leftover fish.

Other main courses include seafood étouffée, oyster, shrimp, fish, crawfish, soft-shell crab, ham, turkey, sausage, chicken, or pot roast Po'boys, hamburger, fried fish and seafood platters, jambalaya, and fried fish Pontchartrain (topped with crab and shrimp in a butter cream sauce). They also have red beans and rice.

Dessert is worth consideration at Acme when planning your meal. My wife declined, so it was up to me and Grace. I like bread pudding, she doesn't. That left a brownie sundae, pecan cobbler, chocolate caramel pie, root beer float, and ice cream. We compromised on the pie. It's a cross between a ganache, ice box pie, and cheesecake, served cold but not frozen solid (that happens sometimes with this kind of dessert). It's flavorful and not excessively rich. I ate most of it—Grace is only seven, with a small tummy.

New Orleans too far a drive? Go to Seascape and belly up to the oyster bar at Acme.

ACME OYSTER HOUSE
90 Seascape Drive
Seascape Towne Center
Miramar Beach
850-460-7773

Hours: Open Sun.-Thu., 11 AM-9 PM; Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-10 PM.

Reservations: Not Accepted

Children's Menu: Yes

Dress: Casual

Come in and belly up to the oyster bar. Acme Oyster House is big and welcoming, packing a loaded menu of oysters, shrimp, crab, crawfish, a variety of Po'boys, and New Orleans favorites from jambalaya to Fish Pontchartrain, with red beans on the side. There's pecan cobbler and bread pudding for dessert. Friendly service, Full bar, \$5-25.



WSRE-TV Wine & Food Classic, Starring Celeb Chef Moulton

The **WSRE-TV Foundation** has readied the sails for this year's "Pirates, Pinot & Pearls" 30th Wine & Food Classic, taking place **Oct. 19-Oct. 21** at venues on Pensacola Beach and in downtown Pensacola. Online reservations are new this year and now available at **WSRE.org/wineandfood**.

This annual fundraising weekend is a longtime favorite of local foodies and supports the mission of WSRE to positively impact communities through education, entertainment and engagement.

Admission is \$50 for the Walkabout Tasting, featuring local chefs on the beachside lawn of the Hilton Pensacola Beach, from 6 to 9 PM on Friday, Oct. 19.

Admission is \$150 for the Celebrity Chef Dinner in the Hilton's ballroom on Saturday, Oct. 20. Cocktails will be served at 5:15 PM, and dinner will be served at 6 PM. A live auction will cap off the evening.

Celebrity chef **Sara Moulton**, star of *Sara's Weeknight Meals* on PBS, will be in attendance for all events during the Wine & Food Classic weekend and will speak during Saturday's dinner.

On Sunday, Ms. Moulton will greet fans and sign copies of her latest cookbook, *Sara Moulton's Home Cooking 101*, at So Gourmet & Kitchenry. Admission to the book signing is FREE, but reservations are requested. Books can be ordered in advance through the reservation process.

A Bodacious Family of Shops is presenting sponsor of the Wine & Food Classic weekend, Polonza Bistro is sponsor of this year's celebrity chef, and Jeweler's Trade Shop is sponsor of a VIP reception to be held for event sponsors.

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AMERICAN

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 PM Open at 3 PM Mon.-Fri. and 11 AM Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French creampuffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers

catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

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BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-2:30 PM; Saturdays, 8 AM-2 PM 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. gritsandgrindbreakfast.com.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all

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TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 AM to 2 PM every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. www.tommymattonies.com.

BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

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COFFEE SHOPS

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CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted

Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at GraffitiFBS.com.

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit www.reddsfuel.com and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

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CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

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THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. Edwards30a.com.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German

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beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatallysbeach.net.

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore,

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LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. BudAndAlleys.com.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab

Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. ROCKINTACOS.COM

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or

steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.com.

LOBSTER TAIL Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-833-3016. THELOBSTERTAIL.COM

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy.

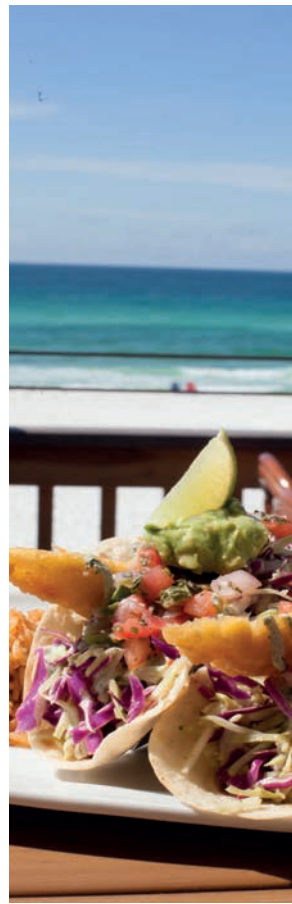


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SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are amazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 AM to 10 PM Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 PM 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

THE SURF HUT Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. **SURFHUTDESTIN.COM**

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SUSHI

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TAPAS AND WINE

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VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by Beachcomber, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 AM-2 PM; Tue.-Thu.—lounge 3-9 PM, dinner 5-9 PM; Fri.-Sat.—lounge 3-10 PM, dinner 5-10 PM; closed Mondays. Happy hour in the lounge only 3-6 PM. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 5-6 PM. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com**.

WINE BARS

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. **twistedgrapewinebar.com**

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** immediately!

CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH
2931 Scenic Highway 98
Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 PM daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
When: 6-8 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1
Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).
Drink Specials: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
34902 Emerald Coast Parkway
Destin
850-424-6650
GraffitiFBS.com
When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.

Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

LA PAZ
950 Gulf Shore Drive
Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

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Drink Specials: Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

SAMMY'S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of



beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR
1193B Eglin Parkway
Shalimar
850-651-5100
When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM
Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

Dawn Dishes Advice on Nugs, Bird Watching, Bras

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,
I travel to Destin every year for the annual Fishing Rodeo. I'm not a very good fisherman, but I do enjoy it a lot, so I keep at it year after year. Last year one of my friends came with me, and while we were fishing, he said "Look, a nug!" I had no idea what he was talking about. He claims a nug is when a fish tugs at your line. Is this true?

- Willy W., Destin

Hi, Willy. I hadn't heard this word before, so did an Internet search for the definition. There were several definitions having nothing at all to do with fishing, but then I found this in the *Oxford Dictionary*: "To nudge or prod. To make a jerking movement, to tug, especially of a fish tugging at bait." So if you had a fish on your line then yes, that was a nug. Did you have a fish on your line? Because if your friend said "Look, a nug," and there was no fish, he was talking about a marijuana bud, and I'd question whether you were fishing or just chilling out on the boat. Anyway, good luck and hope you have lots of nugs (of the fish variety)!

Dear Dawn,
I'm 65 years old and suddenly developed an intense interest in watching birds. I've never been a bird watcher before, but now I find myself filling my backyard up with bird feeders and bird baths, researching the best bird food, and purchasing binoculars and even a bird watching chair. My family thinks I've lost my mind. Have I? Or is this perfectly normal?

- Blythe G., Shalimar

Thanks for your question, Blythe. First we have to address the perception that any behavior is normal or abnormal. What's normal for me may not be normal for you, and vice versa. And

even if I were to say this is abnormal behavior, so what? Are you harming anyone? Is someone suffering because of your new obsession with birds? Are you neglecting your family or job because of your need to observe? If the answer is "no" to all of these questions, then keep watching our feathery friends and tell all those haters their lack of understanding is simply for the birds!

Dear Dawn,
I had to go shopping for undergarments recently, so headed over to Destin Commons. It was really difficult to find a bra without those horrid wires. You know the wires, right? Whose idea was it to put wires in bras anyway?

- Sarah C., Destin

Excellent question, Sarah. I took a quick look at Wikipedia to see exactly whose idea it was to put wires in bras, and it turns out there's really no quick answer. These constricting, painful undergarments date back as far as the 14th century. What started as a corset morphed into two pieces, with the wires or steel plates firmly in place. The whole convoluted mess lines up with the role of "women in history" and honestly doesn't seem to be getting any better over time.

And while women were behind some of these initial designs, it appears MAN keeps it going. I'd love to see men wearing wires in their underpants. See how they like it! I mentioned this to my boyfriend who mused, "Why would we need to hold those up?" Exactly! Why do we need to hold ours up? At any rate, National No Bra Day is coming up on Oct. 13, so forget about holding them up, leave those wires behind, and Free the Tatas!

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her.



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AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19



Bad month at work. Co-workers, managers, owners...they're all out to get you. And you make it easy on them. Switch jobs immediately, and do not leave a forwarding address. Avoid telephones. Don't open the mail. Run from any kind of personal contact.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20



Venus goes stationary on October 5. You don't want to remember, but there's nothing good about it. Remember your last best friend? And what happened? Most things work out in life...but not everything.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20



The moon conjoins Mars on the 18th, and you'll have an incredibly strong month. Important projects ahead—all good. Accept flattery—as usual, there will be lots of it. Continue to lead with your shining example in all aspects of life.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21



Venus goes retrograde and things get squirrely. You've always been weird, but let's face it—you're starting to really freak people out. Try to tone everything down. Being bizarre all the time is hard to pull off.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21



Mercury squares Pluto, which shakes things up for you. Try to stick to a simplified routine that limits your exposure to any and all things. When given a choice, take the most boring option available. You don't handle excitement well.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22



Good luck with finishing any projects. You're not a finisher. It's time for a serious family conversation—a heart-to-heart type of discussion. Have you ever known a heart-to-heart situation to turn out good? No.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23



The full moon wrecks everything. Family, friends, romance disappear like a rancid block of ice from a fishy cooler. Only the putrid smell remains. There's nothing around this big moon—you'll find the most comfort among complete strangers.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23



The most catastrophic occurrence in your life was that you weren't born between September 23 and October 22. Then you'd have been a Libra, where everything always seems to be great. As it is, you're screwed. Money is short, romance is nonexistent, and you'll gain weight on both sides of the full moon.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23



Family and friends surround you with love. Your generosity is at a peak. As a result, admiration and adulation from others is almost too much to bear. But you can handle it. You've been down this road before. Do something special for yourself—God knows you deserve it.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22



You just missed—by days—being a Libra. This will haunt you forever. The safest thing to do this month is to hide like a hermit. Nothing good will come of it, but it's safer than being in the public domain where horrific stuff is bound to happen.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



Mercury enters Sagittarius at the end of the month. Things get chilly. All relationships get weird—the good ones go south, and the bad ones ramp up like a pitiful little child at a strange carnival. Jesus. Stay away from everything.

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



Avoid all people, except maybe Libras, and that's because they're the only ones with the kind of compassion and empathy that you'll need. Crummy month when all you have to look forward to is a shoulder to cry on.

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of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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